

LTC Ed Herald, USAR, Promoted to the Rank of Colonel

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The Secretary of the Army has selected Edmund Herald, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Reserves, Quartermaster Corps, to the rank of Colonel. Herald is also a member of the Army Acquisition Corps. His promotion was effective 24 June 2004.

Herald is currently serving as the Assistant Deputy Director for Strategic Plans at the Defense Distribution Center (DDC). His civilian occupation is as a Deputy Division Manager, Advanced Logistics Technology Division, for the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).

Commissioned in 1979, Herald served in the active duty Army until 1990. During that time he served the Army in Europe (USAREUR); Forces Command (FORSCOM) Readiness Group; and the Army Materiel Command (AMC).

He began his Reserve career at Defense Distribution Region East (DDRE) in New Cumberland, PA. From there he remained with DLA but moved to Defense Supply Center Philadelphia as a Subsistence Manager. In 1999



he returned to the New Cumberland area as a Supply Management Officer at DDC before beginning his current assignment in DDC's Strategic Plans shop (J-5). Many of the projects Herald has supported have been in a team role, where he provides an extra review or assistance in preparation of various portions of J-5 requirements. Some of the projects he has been a team

member on include serving as the DDC representative on the Army's Configured Load Working Group, supporting the Stryker Brigade's unique planning requirements, and assisting in drafting the Performance Work Statement for the future Kuwait distribution center.

"As a part time Soldier, I also have a full time job. The most challenging part of my reserve duty is be able to jump in to a

two-day project, and leave a usable product behind when I go back to my full time job," said Herald. "I feel blessed in working for the J-5, as both the Director and Deputy Director support the role of the reserves and give us meaningful work. This allows us to be prepared to support the J-5 during training and if activated."

Herald's decorations, service medals and badges include the Overseas Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM), the Army Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) with First Oak Leaf Cluster, three Joint Service Commendation Medals, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Herald doesn't like talking about his awards, except for one, which doesn't show up on the above list. In the 1980's while he was on active duty his family served as a foster home to many different children, as well as to his own 5 children, during that time his family was selected as the Depot Systems Command Family of the Year. "That award has meant more to me than any other award I have or could receive," Herald said.

